(a) whether there is any proposal to cover the unorganised segment of Beedi workers under the Employees' Provident Fund Scheme;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme; and

(c) whether the handloom workers covering under the unorganised sector will have the benefit under the E.P.I. scheme.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) to (c) No distinction is made between the organised and the unorganised workers for the purpose of coverage under the EPF & MP Act, 1952. The Act is applicable to every Beedi Manufacturing Establishment and to every Handloom establishment if it is employing 20 or more persons and has completed 3 years from the date it was set up. If the establishment is a cooperative society, working without the use of power, then it is coverable under the EPF & MP Act provided 50 or more persons are employed in the establishment.

**Total Amount of Provident Fund**

1285. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total contribution towards provident fund accrued under the Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, from the inception of the Employees' Provident Fund Scheme till 31st March, 1992;

(b) what is the break up of this total amount contributed from each State;

(c) how much of this total amount has been invested in State loans and how much each State gets out of this investment; and

(d) whether Government will consider the investment of the entire proceeds in State loans?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) Rs. 26209.90 crores.

(b) No such information is maintained.

(c) A statement is attached (*See below*).

(d) No, Sir.

**Statement**

*Total Amount of Provident Fund.*

| Name of the State | Total amount invested in State Govt. securities in respect of unempted establishments) (Rs. in lakhs) |
|---|---|
| Andhra Pradesh | 6499.35 |
| Assam | 605.53 |
| Bihar | 2761.09 |
| Gujarat | 2415.60 |
| Haryana | 1168.92 |
| Himachal Pradesh | 131.15 |
| Jammu & Kashmir | 332.60 |
| Karnataka | 2180.70 |
| Kerala | 2688.86 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 730.65 |
| Maharashtra | 1447.54 |
| Manipur | 90.00 |
| Meghalaya | 46.00 |
| Nagaland | 440.00 |
| Orissa | 3481.61 |
| Punjab | 647.34 |
| Rajasthan | 3283.41 |
| Tamil Nadu | 1959.17 |
| Tripura | 426.90 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 7884.62 |
| West Bengal | 1161.60 |
| TOTAL : | 40382.64 |

**Labour Employed in Iron Ore Mines**

1286. SHRI CHANDRA MOHAN SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Labourers employed in each of the Iron Ore Mines at Badampahar, Sulaipat, Gorumohisani and Maharajpur in the District of Mayurbhanj in Orissa;

(b) the number of them who are permanent and temporary;

(c) the amount of minimum wages paid to the actual miners and whether annual Bonus is paid to them; and